



Happy Earth Day!

News, Events and Information

The Lazy Environmentalist

The Sundance Channel's "Lazy Environmentalist", Josh Dorfman will bring his collection of easy-to-follow pointers to SWACO's 5th Annual Central Ohio Emeralds, Thursday May 13th at the Aladdin Shrine Center (3850 Stelzer Road).

Josh hosts the Sundance Channel's The Lazy Environmentalist and is a commentator for Big Ideas for a Small Planet on The Green (the Channel's weekly primetime show devoted to the environment). Dorfman is also an environmental entrepreneur, media personality and author of The Lazy Environmentalist: Your Guide to Easy, Stylish, Green Living (April 2007) and the recently published The Lazy Environmentalist on a Budget (April 2009). Both books will be available for purchase, followed by a book signing at the Emerald Awards.

Yard Waste Collection Returns

Curbside collection of yard waste began again earlier this week on Monday, April 19. The City's budget crisis in 2009 forced weekly free yard waste collection to be cut and replaced with a less expensive subscription-only service. For more information on how to properly dispose of yard waste visit our [website](#).

Columbus: Growing Green

Cherbo Publishing is in the beginning stages of creating a coffee table book to highlight the things that make Columbus so special, with a focus on sustainability. Because our community identity is a factor of the people who live and work in the City, Cherbo is giving the opportunity for your business or organization to be featured in the publication. Contact Mary Hanley at 614-832-9699 or cherbomh@aol.com to find out more.

Accolades

- Mayor Michael B. Coleman will be represented in Washington D.C. at the Institute for Sustainable Communities. Members of Mayor Coleman's team has been selected to receive a grant in order to join 14 other U.S. cities to learn about Green Jobs at the conference. The team will have a unique opportunity to exchange ideas with national experts and peers, learn about promising new projects and receive help solving the problems the City faces as it works to stimulate green job creation and grow the green economy.

- Thanks to Mayor Coleman's efforts to add new bike trails and lanes while raising awareness of bicycling, Columbus has been listed in the top 50 (rank: 34) of [America's Best Bike Cities](#) by Bicycling Magazine.
- Mayor Michael B. Coleman presented GreenSpotLight Awards to three companies whose commitment to get green demonstrates excellence in business practices that produce environmental benefits. The award ceremony kicked off the Green Business Conference and Building Expo held at OSU's 4-H Center on April 14. The Mayor's Green Team selected the winners based on information submitted by GreenSpot businesses in their annual reports. Congratulations go to:

Anshen + Allen (small)
Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, LLP (medium)
Limited Brands (large)

Become a GreenSpot [online](#) and submit an annual report for your chance to be recognized at next year's event.

Green Events & Activities

Get involved with the sustainability in the City of Columbus and Central Ohio by visiting the MORPC Green Community Calendar [online](#).

- **Earth Day Celebration- [The Update](#):** TODAY! Thursday, April 22 3-10PM at Franklin Park Conservatory.
- **[SWACO Mobile Household Hazardous Waste Drop off](#)**- Saturday, April 24th from 8am-2pm at 5200 Blazer Parkway in Dublin. To help residents free up space and guarantee safe disposal, SWACO operates mobile Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events in addition to SWACO's permanent collection site at 1249 East Essex Avenue in Columbus. The collections are free of charge for those who live in Franklin County
- **SWACO Emerald Awards:** May 13- Tickets are available online at www.swaco.org. Find out who will win the premier green awards program in Greater Columbus this year. The awards honor the best and most innovative ideas in waste reduction, recycling and litter prevention programs.
- **Cycling CEO Challenge:** Monday, May 17- Join Mayor Michael B. Coleman, ODOT Director Jolene Molitoris, members of Columbus City Council, the Columbus Foundation and Consider Biking for a Bike to Work Celebration. The community leaders will make their way by bike from OSU's Gateway at 7:30am to the Statehouse. Contact [Consider Biking](#) for more information.

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